

Baptisia leucantha

White False Indigo



Also called prairie false indigo, and *Baptisia lactea*. A great garden plant. This bushy perennial with blue-grey leaves has spires of pea-like white flowers on purple-black stems. Long-lived and attractive even when not in flower. Interesting black seedpods. Develops a taproot, which gives it great drought tolerance. (It also makes transplanting mature plants difficult.)

Suggested companions: wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*), butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparius*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 2- 5' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:
Open field/ Prairie

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Clay
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun
 filtered

Flower Color:
White

Bloom Time:
June
July

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:
Butterfly attracting
Deer resistant